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David J. Kolacz et al.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (*Ex parte Quayle*) DATED OCTOBER 31, 2007**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (*Ex parte Quayle*) mailed on October 31, 2007. The present application is in condition for allowance except that the present application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621, which is expired for delayed payment of the maintenance fee. Applicant filed a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent on May 9, 2007 and paid the outstanding maintenance fee, and any required extra fees. The Petition was dismissed in a decision mailed November 19, 2007, because it was alleged the Petitioner did not have authority to charge the deposit account for the maintenance fee. A Petition for Reconsideration was timely filed on January 15, 2008, and a copy of that Petition is attached.

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